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Life restored

Construction will make arboretum more environmentally friendly



SAM TAYLOR / THE BREEZE

Construction will restore the stream's health.

By **CAROLINE BRANDT**
The Breeze

Visitors may have noticed construction being done in the the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum — it was in need of a tuneup. Workers have been reconstructing the arboretum's stream in order to restore it back to its once healthy state.

The construction, which began in late August, is expected to take about five weeks with a projected end date in late September, weather permitting.

The \$300,000 needed for the project was all obtained within one year with no fund-raising assistance as according to Arboretum Director Jan Sievers Mahon.

According to Bill Wyatt, JMU's director of communications and spokesperson, the university received a \$200,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the project. The construction cost \$300,000 and the university covered the remaining \$100,000.

The entirety of the arboretum is a storm-water retention basin, which is intended to prevent flooding to the JMU campus and the city of Harrisonburg. However, due to the massive sedimentary runoff Harrisonburg has experienced from the rapid growth of JMU and the surrounding city, the stream is in need of reconstruction.

"The stream as it was may have been fine in an earlier era of time when all surrounding hundreds of acres of land were agricultural, where there was more soil absorption of stormwater and less runoff," Assistant

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Faculty Senate awards grants

Over \$20,000 has been given out to staff for various projects

By **EVAN MCALLISTER**
The Breeze

The JMU campus will soon be home to a number of community outreach projects, thanks to a new mini-grant program created by the JMU Faculty Senate.

The program, discussed at length during Faculty Senate meetings this past academic year, comes as part of JMU's vision statement, and aims to further the university's self-stated goal to be more engaged with its students and the surrounding community.

"We'd been working on [ways] of collaborating with the administration," Dave McGraw, senate speaker and integrated science and technology professor, said. "Out of that brainstorming, an idea came about of the administration giving the faculty senate an amount of money it could use to help accomplish the new vision of the university."

McGraw went on to describe how the senate eventually decided on a mini-grant program, where money would be distributed to faculty interested in funding personal projects that would coincide with the university's goal of campus and community engagement. The senate was awarded an initial budget of \$10,000 by President Jon Alger, which was later increased to more than \$20,000 after the mini-grant program proved to be more popular than anticipated.

"We announced the mini-grants in February of this year, and there was a deadline in March, and it was amazing the response. We got 77 applications, and they were really of high quality," McGraw said. "[The administration] is very



CHELSEA GLOWACKI / THE BREEZE

Shanil Virani, the director of the John C. Wells Planetarium, proposed a solar system model.

happy with what we've done so far, and they've promised us more money next year."

The winning projects range from a drama workshop for homeschooled children and a summer autism clinic to more unusual initiatives, such as a mobile biotechnology laboratory.

"I've done biotechnology-related science education outreach with local middle and high schools for years, but have never had the dedicated equipment to support sustained partnerships with teachers and schools," Stephanie Stockwell, a professor in the integrated science and technology department and the originator of the biotech lab proposal, said. "When I saw the call for proposals, I was really excited because the new mini-grants [project] perfectly aligned with the community engagement work I'd been doing for years."

The lab will feature equipment and protective gear for students, and is intended for use in service learning courses and other community partnerships.

Another project, a scale model of the solar system, was put forward by planetarium director and physics and astronomy professor Shanil Virani. When complete, the model will feature planet exhibits across the JMU campus, removed from one another by distances corresponding to the actual distances between our solar system's eight major planets. Funds for the project will come jointly from the university budget and the JMU physics and astronomy departments.

"Astronomy is a popular gateway subject to the natural sciences and engineering. Most Americans don't have a good sense of just how big the distances between the planets are," Virani said. "The model would start at Festival Hall and end at the John C. Wells Planetarium, and will provide a direct way for students and visitors to

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Putting stock in his future

Middle-aged student shares his journey to JMU

By **ERIN FLYNN**
The Breeze

Todd "Toby" Bowen, a middle-aged senior writing, rhetoric and technical communications major, isn't considered the typical college student.

For Bowen, JMU is the third college he has attended. After graduating in 1985 from a high school in northern Virginia, he attended Brigham Young University-Idaho, 31 hours away from JMU in Rexburg, Idaho, where he was kicked out before he could graduate.

"It was a Mormon school and I'm not Mormon, and I didn't follow their rules," Bowen said.

It was during his freshman year in college (1986) that the Challenger space shuttle crashed, which he watched live on TV. After spending a summer in Georgia, Bowen went to Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a year to study to be a mortician and then chose to drop out because his stomach wasn't strong enough for it.

Bowen married his girlfriend of a year when he was 21 and worked at a restaurant to help pay the bills. It was during this time that the Berlin Wall was torn down, an event he also watched unfold on TV.

Later on, Bowen also volunteered with his mother's charity Carrier Bag for Christ, a nonprofit Christian organization that brought in medical equipment and donated supplies to orphanages in Russia.

"[My mom] was one of the first people, literally two years after the Berlin Wall crashed, she started going to Russia to do charity work

and I was lucky enough to go with her once and it was a wonderful experience," Bowen said.

When he was 25, Bowen decided that he needed to get serious about his life and began working at MCI Communications, a phone company.

Sixteen years after he began working there, the company went out of business when the president of MCI defrauded their stockholders.

"If you added up all my investments in the company, I had a little over \$400,000, and my plan was to retire at 35," Bowen said. "The company went belly up; I ended up getting \$60,000."

Over the following years, Bowen founded an unsuccessful medical collections business, after which he met a recruiter for E-Trade, a financial company he worked at for seven years.

As a stockbroker, Bowen wore many hats, including verbal and written communications and his favorite aspect, 401(k) distribution. But when the economy sunk in 2008, the business Bowen worked for sunk with it.

"Neman Brothers and [American International Group] and all of those guys ruined our economy, so ... our stock went down 80 percent, and basically the company almost failed," Bowen said. "My office had 3,000 people in it; in 2008, they got rid of 1,500 of us."

After becoming unemployed, Bowen spent four or five months traveling around the country and playing poker in Utah, Colorado, Nebraska and Tennessee before winding up in Las Vegas, where he sold advertisements for TV stations. While in Tennessee, he also worked at a bed and breakfast and planned to attend Tennessee State University.

He returned to northern Virginia to visit with his parents and stayed a year to take care of his father, who had suffered from multiple strokes, and stepmother, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease.

After his parents were settled in, he decided to enroll at JMU in 2014 because of Harrisonburg's affordability. Once accepted, he declared a major in communication sciences and disorders, which he believed, at the time, was his calling.

"I'm hard of hearing in one ear ... my dad has hearing loss due to his age, my sister went for years undiagnosed with her hearing loss and does wear hearing aids now, so, it was something that kind of spoke to me," Bowen said. "Also, I have a true love for the deaf



JAMES ALLEN / THE BREEZE

Toby Bowen has come back to college to pursue a degree in writing.

community, so I saw that as a way of being more ingrained in the deaf community," Bowen said.

After acknowledging that he wasn't doing as well in his CSD classes, he decided to switch to writing, rhetoric and technical communications because of his enjoyment of writing.

Writing, rhetoric and technical communications professor Lucy Bednar has had Bowen in three of her classes, including WRTC 200, which introduces students to the major.

"I kind of enjoy having non-traditional students in the class because they're generally more motivated and [Bowen] also has that kind of big personality, so he's not afraid to ask questions, he's not afraid to make comments, he has a good sense of humor," Bednar said. "So, he actually contributed to making the class more enjoyable for me and for the other students."

While she hasn't seen any assignments that relate back to his previous job experiences, according to Bednar, Bowen's projects tend to be out of the ordinary. One of these projects looked at the evolution of skateboarding.

"It's one of those things that a traditionally aged student

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A NEW IMAGE

Students and local apartment complex employees voice views on updates

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FINDING ITS RHYTHM

Field hockey to face in-state rivals

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Thunderstorms

75° / 60°

Chance of rain: 80%



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Correction

- In Monday's issue, an ad on page seven for Beth El Congregation incorrectly listed the time for Rosh Hashanah services on Sept. 14. The services will start at 10 a.m., not 10 pm.

TH

Sept. 10

Resume Writing Workshop @ Student Success Center 3270, 11 a.m. to noon

Movie: Irrational Man @ Court Square Theater, \$8 student, 2 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Salsa night @ The Artful Dodger, tickets \$5, 9 p.m.

Weekend Warmup with DJ Barkley @ Rubys, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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Sept. 11

Global Connections @ Hoffman Hall Lounge, 3 to 5 p.m.

CrossKeys Stomping Party! @ CrossKeys Vineyards, \$40, 6 to 8 p.m.

Music: David Wax Museum with Bombadil @ Clementine Cafe, \$10 presale, \$13 day of show, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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Sept. 12

Shenandoah National Park Celebrates 15th Annual Wildemess Weekend @ Luray, VA, \$20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9/11 JMU SVA 5K @ Festival, \$19.11 register online, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

JMU vs. Lehigh football game @ Bridgeforth Stadium, 4 p.m.

SU

Sept. 13

Shenandoah Valley Century Bike Ride @ Hillandale Park, \$20 register online, 7 a.m. to noon

Brunch @ Clementine Cafe, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream @ Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse, \$14 students, 2 to 5 p.m.

Eisenhower Dance @ Forbes Center Mainstage Theatre, \$13 students, \$18 regular, 8 p.m.

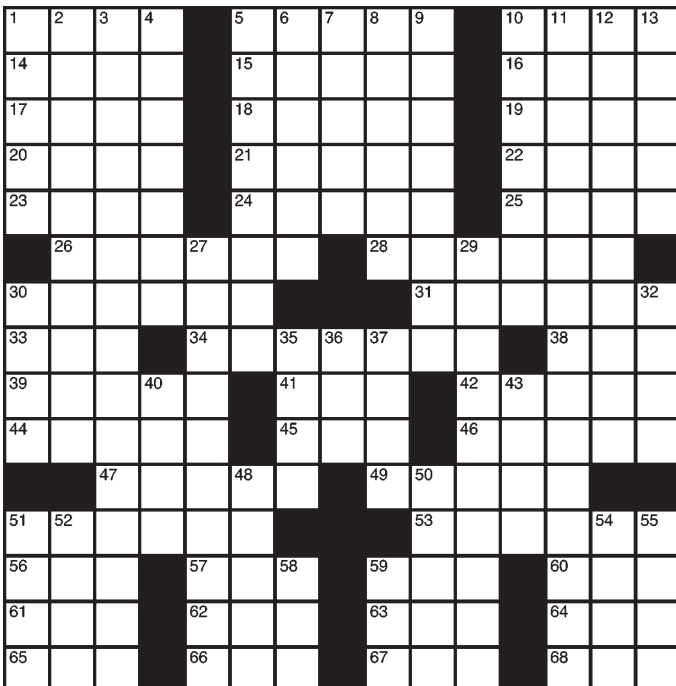
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Oz. sextet
5 Hamlet's foppish courtier
10 Abba not known for singing
14 Other, in Orizaba
15 ___ Park: Knott's Berry Farm city
16 Connecticut town for which a disease is named
17 Sinn ___
18 100-eyed guardian of Io
19 Weizman of Israel
20 Bean used in falafel
21 Half a comedy duo
22 Two-time MLB all-star Ron
23 Three-handed game
24 Wrench handle?
25 Stats for QBs
26 "Clueless" co-star ___ Dash
28 Johannesburg section
30 Salad option
31 Social calls
33 "___ Wiedersehen"
34 It often says "Hello"
38 FDR loan org.
39 "Pardon me, Giuseppe"
41 CPR provider
42 Something in your eye
44 Wires, e.g.
45 Mr. Rogers
46 Dairy prefix
47 Brown shade
49 "He that ___ down with dogs shall rise up with fleas": Franklin
51 Bar made by Hershey's
53 Enterprise bridge regular
56 "Vous êtes ___": Paris map words
57 Dog days mo.
59 Kitchy-___
60 Cartoonist Chast
61 Disney's Bob Iger, e.g.
62 Dash prefix
- DOWN**
- 1 Farnham fops
2 Outback condiment
3 *Event for A-listers, say
4 Piano pieces
5 Period since 2009
6 Without a doubt
7 Courtly
8 Hardens
9 18th-century Italian adventurer
10 Poetic laments
11 *The Hagia Sophia, for nearly a millennium
12 "I'll say!"
13 "Darn it!"
27 *Sirius' constellation
29 *Space to maneuver



By Mary Lou Guizzo

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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36 Expressive
37 Texter's sign-off
40 Home to Pierre: Abbr.
43 Back muscles, briefly
- 48 Czerny piano piece
50 "___ roll!"
51 Bit of excitement
52 Frozen treat
54 Shed
55 Strong arms?
58 With 59-Down, subdued, and a hint to the answers to starred clues
59 See 58-Down

WORLD NEWS

Latin America starts using drones

McClatchy Washington Bureau

MEXICO — As the chief executive of what may be the first academy to train drone operators in Latin America, Jose Luis Gonzalez is acutely aware that unmanned aerial vehicles can be used for both good and evil.

Most of the students who study at his Drone Academy are photographers seeking to capture sweeping aerial images, engineers using drones to photograph damage to structures like bridges or hobbyists eager to attain new playthings.

But Mexico has its share of bad guys, and Gonzalez said it might not be long before drones are used for malevolent aims, such as remotely controlled murders. "This is our own brand, Helidroid, and we put this toy gun on it and if you press this button," Gonzalez said, pausing as a rapid ft-ft-ft noise came out of the airborne drone, the sound of toy gunfire finishing his sentence for him. "Imagine if instead of a plastic gun you had a real gun, or if you put a grenade on it?"

Across Latin America, the sale of drones to civilians is taking off. In most cases, the drones are mini flying devices, suitable only for tiny payloads of a couple of pounds or so, perhaps a small video camera with a gimbal to stabilize the image.

Authorities are scrambling to enact regulations to catch drone usage.

China's parade stirs up Taiwan

McClatchy Washington Bureau

BEIJING — Tanks and other military hardware will roll through China's capital Thursday on a scale larger than what the world saw during the Tiananmen Square crackdown of 1989.

This time, however, the rollout has nothing to do with crushing domestic protesters. It's part of a grandiose military parade, organized by China's Communist Party, to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Party officials say the parade is intended to honor the fallen and celebrate the peace of recent decades. But several of China's neighbors see an ulterior motive. They say Beijing is clearly sending a message about its growing military might in a region that fears what that could mean in the future.

In Taiwan, government leaders are especially wary. Hsia Li-yan, minister of Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council, notes that China still has more than 1,400 missiles pointed at Taiwan.

"It [the parade] makes Taiwan very uncomfortable with this situation," Hsia said during an interview last week in Taipei. China's leaders, he added, "have never denounced the use of force against us."

The military procession also follows a year of heightened tensions in the South China Sea. Beijing has been building artificial islands and landing strips where several countries have historic claims.

Chinese city recalls WWII devastation

McClatchy Washington Bureau

CHINA — When the air-raid alarms sounded, people hid in the shelters. They ran for the caves dug into the mountains. But there were never enough hiding places from the Japanese bombs, and not enough for Chen Guifang's parents.

On May 4, 1939, 7-year-old Chen was huddled inside a crowded cave in Chongqing — China's wartime capital in its southern interior — when bombs rained down outside. Shrapnel rocketed everywhere, wounding Chen and killing both of her parents.

Now 83, Chen wept as she recalled being alone at age 7 amid the smoldering embers of Chongqing. The wounds from the bombing are still visible on her face and arm.

"Colleagues of my parents buried them in a garden, next to the roadside," she said. "I was an orphan. I was crying every day calling for my parents and asking why the plane did not blow me up."

Four years before Pearl Harbor, three years before Nazi Germany's bombing of London, Japan's invasion of China in 1937 terrorized tens of millions of people. And no Chinese city was pounded as hard as Chongqing.

From 1938 to 1941, Japanese warplanes carried out more than 200 separate bombing raids on Chongqing (known in the West then as Chungking), killing nearly 12,000 people, most of them civilians.

Suicide bomber kills 15 in Nigeria

Deutsche Presse-Agentur

NIGERIA — A girl suicide bomber killed at least 15 people at a bus terminal in northeastern Nigeria, hospital sources and witnesses claim.

At least 30 others were injured when the girl, estimated to be 11 or 12 years old, detonated explosives strapped to her body in the town of Damaturu, said resident Haruna Ibrahim.

"The girl came into the car park and refused to be searched (by security officials). She later went near one car filled with passengers and detonated herself," a health worker from a nearby hospital told dpa on condition of anonymity.

Damaturu police spokesman Toyin Gbadegehin could only confirm six deaths and three people with critical injuries immediately after the blast.

Last month, three people were killed and at least five injured by a suicide bomber who exploded his car at a security checkpoint in Damaturu.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram, which seeks to establish a state with its very strict interpretation of Islamic law, has killed thousands of people since 2009 in similar attacks.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Iran nuclear deal battle is over

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The debate over a nuclear deal with Iran promises to grow increasingly bitter, despite signs that efforts in Congress to block the accord are certain to fail.

Congress, back from a monthlong recess, began its deliberations on a resolution disapproving the deal Tuesday, and Republican presidential candidates Donald Trump and Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, will headline a rally on Capitol Hill on Wednesday expected to draw thousands opposed to the agreement.

The White House is already claiming victory, announcing that it has secured pledges from enough senators to ensure that a promised presidential veto of any GOP proposal to block the accord will be upheld.

Democratic Sens. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, Maria Cantwell of Washington, Gary Peters of Michigan and Ron Wyden of Oregon announced their support for the deal Tuesday, bringing the number of Democrats backing it to 42.

Only 34 votes are needed in the Senate to sustain a veto.

Smartphones are helping the blind

San Jose Mercury News

CALIFORNIA — Ruben Morales, a blind 59-year-old retired engineer who lives in this Silicon Valley city, has used a specialized screen-reading program for years to write and run spreadsheets on his desktop computer.

But recently, he figuratively cut the cord to his desktop and joined the mobile revolution. Morales was visiting an area Veterans Affairs blind rehabilitation center, learning how to use an iPhone's features for vision-impaired people.

"It's pretty amazing," Morales said, demonstrating how he can call up a song and play it with a few taps. "Whatever I can do on the computer I can basically do it on the iPhone. It has the same capability."

The smartphone, a gadget designed for the sighted, has turned out to be a godsend for the blind and visually impaired, making them more independent than ever before.

With VoiceOver, the iPhone's built-in gesture-based app, blind users can access anything on their phones.

County Clerk Kim Davis leaves jail

Lexington Herald-Leader

KENTUCKY — Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis emerged from the Carter County jail Tuesday flanked by Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee and her attorney, who pledged that Davis would continue her stand against same-sex marriage.

Davis will not resign and neither will she "violate her conscience," said Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, a nonprofit litigation firm that represents Davis.

Davis, an Apostolic Christian, then took the stage at a rally outside the jail, where she thanked hundreds who stood in the heat to support her.

"I just want to give God the glory," Davis said, urging the crowd to "keep on pressing; don't let down because he is here."

U.S. District Judge David L. Bunning issued an order releasing Davis from custody after jailed for refusing to issue marriage licenses.

However, Bunning also instructed Davis not to interfere, directly or indirectly, with the efforts of her deputy clerks to issue licenses.

Clinton sets up secure email

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Two Senate committee chairmen are pressing the aide who set up former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's private email server to consider accepting limited immunity so he can testify to Congress despite his recent decision to invoke his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Clinton's decision to use a private email account to conduct official business during her tenure at the State Department took on more gravity over the weekend with the disclosure that an intelligence review had confirmed two of the emails sent to Clinton contained highly classified information.

Investigators consider computer technology specialist Bryan Pagliano a potential key source of information about whether Clinton mishandled classified information, including the degree to which the private server was secured and backed up.

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Area apartments aim to rebrand

Housing complexes attempt to forego previous reputations with new names, amenities



SAM TAYLOR / THE BREEZE

The Stonegate, Southview and Campus Edge apartment complex properties were bought by a new management company, Scion, and rebranded as The Hills of Harrisonburg, and the Campus Edge complex was changed to "Northview." The Harrison, formerly Ashby and University Fields, will retain its name change.

By MAKENA RAFFERTY-LEWIS
The Breeze

While the reasons for the changes vary, a few local apartment complexes are moving forward under new names.

Stonegate, Campus Edge and South View are now all under the umbrella company, The Hills of Harrisonburg. Scion, the company that owns The Hills of Harrisonburg, also decided to change the name of Campus Edge to Northview. Scion purchased the complexes from American Campus Communities in May.

According to Scion's website, the three complexes in Harrisonburg were among seven total American Campus Community properties bought for approximately \$175 million, including complexes near the University of Tennessee, the University of Georgia and the University of Florida.

Scion also owns several other campus communities around the country, including The Village at Blacksburg near Virginia Tech.

In addition, The Harrison, previously known as Ashby and University Fields, will continue for the second year under its new name and new management. The complex is owned by the company Campus Apartments which, like Scion, also owns other complexes including Piece Arrow in Richmond.

Morgan Cheney, a senior health sciences major and a community assistant at Stonegate, believes that Scion wanted to make the Northview property more similar to the other property owned by The Hills.

"It was about rebranding under The Hills. They wanted ... people to associate them with each other," Melissa Kisamore, the leasing manager at Stonegate, said. No other managers from Stonegate, The Hills or Scion could be reached for comment.

Kimberly McDonnell, a sophomore communication sciences and disorders major, believes that because the name was changed from Campus Edge to Northview, she was more inclined to rent with the property.

"It seemed really separate before, but now it's more a part of the JMU apartment complexes," McDonnell said.

This seems to be the major idea behind the name changes and will be the reason that all three complexes will be seen together at the

housing fair on Sept. 30 at The Hills, according to Kisamore.

According to Krista Meiers, the sales manager at The Harrison, new management at the complex changed the name from Ashby to University Fields in 2011. Meiers said the name change was made because the new management wanted to change the reputation of the apartments.

"They really wanted to present a new face for this community ... we did a whole new staff change, we have a new general manager that is coming in that we are really excited about," Meiers said.

University Fields continued to be the name of the complex for about one year, however, Meiers said that the new management decided to change the name to The Harrison after too much confusion with JMU's University Park sporting fields that are close by.

Christina Floyd, a junior health sciences major and a resident of The Harrison, believes that the name change is a step in the right direction for the apartment complex.

"I feel like it's a new start for [The Harrison] and it probably gives it a better look," Floyd said. "I mean, people can call it 'Trashby' all they want, but since there have been renovations ... they can't call it that anymore because they want to live here."

The Harrison was able to add a fair amount of amenities for this year's residents. Meiers said that among other additions, there is now a clubhouse available 24 hours a day, an outdoor pool and dog park, hammocks, picnics tables and basketball and volleyball courts.

According to Meiers, these changes were made to better cater to the residents. Fostering a place for both socializing and studying was one of the top priorities for the new management. The overall goal of the changes was to encourage more student renters.

"If it was still Ashby, without the renovations, I definitely would not have looked into [living here]," Rose Bennett, a junior information analysis major and a resident of The Harrison, said. "It also seems like they did up the website really nice and that drew me in too."

Bennett is especially fond of the new amenities.

"The clubhouse has got to be the greatest thing," Bennett said. "I like the free Starbucks

coffee and I love the fact that we have an indoor fitness center and that it overlooks the pool. It gives a really relaxed vibe."

However, Floyd believed that the complex could have done more to clean up old stains and marks. Floyd wishes her apartment would have looked a little nicer coming into the new semester.

Now that The Harrison has a new name, a new look and new amenities, Meiers said, "There has been a positive increase in the number of people interested in leasing here," though she was not sure of the exact numbers.

With the new change in management, there has also been an increase in full-time employees at The Harrison. Meiers said that although there will now be fewer student employees, as opposed to the 13 previously employed, The Harrison is "always looking for qualified applicants." Meiers also hinted that there are a few more changes to come in The Harrison but said she couldn't give any specific details.

"We have not been given a game plan but we do know they are discussing [more changes]," Meiers said.

She also did not wish to comment definitely on whether or not the price of rent would go up because of the recent changes.

"The price of rent will stay competitive with the market," Meiers said.

Stonegate, Southview and Northview all seem to operate as more of a unit now. All of their calls go to one call bank. The three offices answer to one phone number, give any information they can and transfer the calls that need direct help from the resident's complex.

The Hills has advertised \$6.7 million of expected upgrades, including clubhouse enhancements, renovated apartments and new fitness centers. However, Melissa Taylor, the general manager at the three Hills properties, couldn't be reached for comment regarding any future updates.

As far as the reputation of The Harrison is concerned, only time will help separate its new look from the old Ashby.

"One day it's going to be pretty well-known. But for now you have to tell people it's 'Trashby' for people to know where you live," Floyd said.

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GRANTS

Program encourages collaboration between Alger, faculty

from front

learn how big our solar system is, how small the planets are compared to the Sun and the human ingenuity involved in our robotic exploration of [the solar system]."

Virani also stated that he would be interested in working with the JMU School of Design and Art History in designing the individual planet models and displays.

The mini-grant program isn't simply a popular senate project, either. It also comes as a sign of increasingly favorable relations between the faculty senate and the university administration.

"This is an incredible sign of collaboration," Mark Piper, an associate philosophy professor, faculty senate marshal and chairman of the nominations and elections committee, said. "It's a huge credit to the administration, trusting the faculty like this. As I understand it, past presidents haven't had nearly this kind of working relationship with the senate."

Piper spoke at length about the mini-grants project, saying that he wished the senate had been able to fund more of the projects.

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"We were pretty overwhelmed at the quantity and quality of the proposals we received," Piper said, echoing McGraw's sentiments.

The mini-grants initiative will continue in spring semester of 2016. The amount has not yet been specified, but is stated to be at least as much as was allocated in 2015, according to McGraw.

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ARBORETUM Construction aims to benefit Chesapeake Bay

from front

Arboretum Director Gail Turnbull said. "But with development in the surrounding residential area [around] JMU, at higher elevations, there's no place for water to go except streams and tributaries, which are intermittent with the student arboretum."

The goal of the stream restoration project is to minimize sedimentary impact in order to promote a thriving aquatic environment for not only the Shenandoah Valley, but the Chesapeake Bay as well.

Turnbull said that the construction is meant to improve stormwater quality.

Like many students, sophomore finance major Tyler Chaput has used the arboretum as a shortcut to his apartment in Sunchase.

"It's a great alternative route for when you miss the bus," Chaput said.

But with the recent construction, Chaput said it has impeded his route home.

"Having only been through the arboretum once, the construction really threw me off and I ended up getting lost on my way home to Sunchase," Chaput said.

However, according to Turnbull, traffic is as it has always been and only the bridge that stands over a small area of the stream is restricted.

"The project has not impacted student access to campus or from campus back to their homes," Turnbull said.

According to Turnbull, sedimentary overflow impacts are a larger issue than most realize. The runoff can be detrimental to the Chesapeake Bay.

"Stormwater runoff in developing localities, such as Harrisonburg, carry high sediment loads into streams and rivers that end up being contributory to the Chesapeake Bay water quality," Turnbull said.

According to the Chesapeake Bay Program, a large amount of sediments can cloud the Bay's waters and tributaries, which can harm aquatic life, including fish, shellfish and underwater grasses.

According to Mahon, after construction is complete there shouldn't be any need for further restoration on this portion of the stream, but there are still areas affected by stormwater that will need attention. The pond is one of the main concerns.

Twenty-five years ago, a similar project was constructed in 1990 on the arboretum pond when it needed to be emptied, dredged, relined and refilled. When originally constructed, the pond was more than eight feet deep. Since then, JMU and the surrounding city of Harrisonburg has grown immensely and sedimentary runoff has caused the pond to average around two feet in depth. This is because the pond becomes more shallow when all of the sediment are at the bottom.

According to Turnbull, the goal of the pond restoration project is to correct the pond depth as the sedimentary runoff has caused the pond to become shallow. A shallow pond leads to earlier freezing during the winter and higher temperatures in the summer, causing some species of fish to not thrive there.

"It's not possible to have a shallow pond and a healthy aquatic environment," Turnbull said.

Since the pond restoration project 25 years ago, the stream has experienced major issues with erosion. According to Turnbull, the stream is experiencing "severe erosion," where the stream is several feet deeper and straighter than a natural stream, which is prompting the restoration project.

Turnbull also said that the existence of more pools causes water movement to slow down and



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The \$300,000 arboretum project, which began in late August and is expected to be complete in late September, will prevent the sedimentary runoff that has been caused by JMU's rapid growth.

additional curves or bends allow the stream to overflow into wetland-like areas. The water is then absorbed into a subterranean water resource, which is more environmentally friendly than the water running off as stormwater and flowing into the Shenandoah River.

"We hope to accomplish a cleaner, less sediment-impacted, less harmful nutrient-impacted water that is collected through the arboretum, pass through the campus, downtown Harrisonburg, and end up in the north gorge of the

Shenandoah River and eventually down to the Chesapeake Bay," Turnbull said.

Turnbull stressed the importance of education at the arboretum, and that with a healthy stream and pond, more aquatic life will migrate back to make their homes there which will allow visitors to observe the different types of aquatic and plant life that reside in a healthy environment.

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Students are more than their test scores



It's a known fact that if your SAT or GRE score isn't up to par, it can hinder your chances of getting into your top choice schools. To some this isn't a big deal at all, but to other people, like me, who aren't great test takers, it is.

To put it simply, I suck at taking tests. With the SAT or the GRE, you're in a race against the clock and I'm lucky if I can even go back and check my answers before time runs out. I dreaded the thought of possibly having to spend money to retake a standardized test. However, it's come to my attention that things are starting to change in the undergraduate application process.

On July 28, George Washington University announced that undergraduate applicants are no longer required to take the SAT or ACT in order to be considered for admission, effective Aug. 1.

According to Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Karen Stroud Felton, the university's reasoning behind this is that "We had concerns that students who could be successful at GW felt discouraged from applying if their scores were not as strong as their high school performance ... We want outstanding students from all over the world and from all different backgrounds

— regardless of their standardized scores — to recognize GW as a place where they can thrive."

This is the standard that all universities should have. I faced this problem with the SAT when I was applying for undergraduate programs, and now I'm facing it once more with the GRE for my graduate school applications.

If a student has good grades, well-written personal statements, is well-rounded and has good recommendation letters, then why can't that be enough? This is a reflection of what we're capable of. This is an example of what our work ethic is. Not some test that shows whether or not we know big words or how to do math problems.

If prestigious universities like George Washington are reevaluating test scores when it comes to the undergraduate process, I'm hoping that soon, other universities will take notice and follow suit.

Maybe one day, the SAT and GRE will be nothing more than a thing of the past. Perhaps we'll live in a world where standardized testing doesn't exist. We're all more than our test scores. It's time for all universities to realize that.

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MATT D'ANGELO | speaks for itself

Blue light danger

New screens could help health hazards of smartphones



Lately, I've noticed the fact that many college students, especially at JMU, have real problems with falling asleep during the school week. Whether this can be attributed to readjusting to normal sleep hours after a crazy

weekend, stress in the classroom or even extracurricular work, it seems that modern college students are plagued by the inability to calm their minds at night and get some much needed rest.

There are many bad habits that can inhibit sleep production, ranging from caffeine or nicotine consumption to spending too much time sitting in bed during daytime hours. The most notable habits among these, however, is increased usage of laptops, smartphones or tablets before bedtime.

I, like most other college students, am not foreign to the idea of checking my phone, watching Netflix or using my laptop right before I go to sleep. Recent studies have suggested that using this type of technology before bed can actually inhibit the production of the sleep hormone melatonin, and in turn make it more difficult to fall asleep.

According to a Business Insider article, modern technology emits a spectrum of light through their screens. The eye detects part of this spectrum — known as blue light — as

sunlight, which is a natural combatant to the production of melatonin. Overexposure to this "blue light" not only potentially ruins sleep patterns in users, but can also cause a host of other problems, ranging from retinal damage to mental health issues like depression.

In response to this problem, Philips — a Dutch technology company — is introducing new "SoftBlue" technology, which was showcased at the International Franchise Association mega consumer electronics show in Berlin earlier this month. Essentially, the new screen technology lowers blue light frequencies so that they're less harmful to the retina and eye as a whole. There are also other companies working to develop this technology and hopefully one day it'll become a key ingredient to modern technology.

In the meantime, it seems that the only real answer to combating the sleep problems caused by smartphones is to abstain from use. Last year I was having real issues falling asleep during the school week, and it wasn't until someone suggested I stop using all electronic devices for at least 30 minutes before going to bed that I noticed an improvement in my sleep. While there are other ways to improve sleep habits, trying to reduce technology usage prior to bedtime will definitely help.

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SATIRICAL NEWS COLUMN

Is new campus fertilizer best use of funds?

By MATT MURPHY
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It's a plague that many college campuses across the nation fall ill to — a beaten and unappealing campus aesthetic.

The look of a campus is a huge deciding factor in where prospective students will decide to attend. JMU has always been noticed for its beautiful campus, a lot of which is attributed to its groundskeeping. The mavericks at the JMU maintenance department recently unveiled an initiative that promises to keep the grass greener than ever.

"It's simple," Willie Maddox, a groundskeeper who helped come up with the plan, said. "Students pay their tuition online, it gets converted to cash, we shred the bills into millions of tiny pieces and then we spread it on all the lawns."

The staff feels that this is perhaps the best way to effectively use all the money that goes toward landscaping.

"Once you see what it looks like, you'll be proud to be walking on your diced up money," Maddox said confidently.

This process has admittedly never been attempted before, but early trial runs show that it's a feasible way to get JMU ahead of the times.

Maddox explained that JMU "tested it out by sprinkling money on some guy's

lawn, and he absolutely loved it. He took it all in about a day though, so we realized we needed to start shredding it before putting it on the grass."

One of the best parts about the project is the easy, long-term upkeep. Instead of sending out crews to cut the grass and put more bill shreds down, the students and faculty walking around campus can just rip their money up themselves and sprinkle it on straight from their wallet. This sort of easy wide-sweeping maintenance seems to certainly be a better alternative to the current system.

After a while, JMU's maintenance team is confident that it can start expanding into other foreign currencies, and maybe even start shredding checks up as well.

"House deeds for mulch, coins for gravel, the possibilities seem to be endless," Maddox said.

The only criticisms that have risen with the plan are by a fraction of students who are concerned about the crippling financial costs that this would impose on the student body. In response to this, the landscaping team felt all they needed to say was "no."

If JMU looks to continue to display itself as a truly breathtaking campus, then programs like this are certainly necessary. After all, when it comes down to it, nice looking grass is something that you just can't put a price on.

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JACOB SANFORD | out of this world

NETFLIX

recommendation of the week

TV: "The Twilight Zone" (1959-64)
5 seasons (4 on Netflix)

A place exists in the shadows of a room that is dimly lit by an old television. It's a time between our past and our future, but not the present. There's nothing but the sounds of crickets in the middle of the night and an ominous tune. You've just entered "The Twilight Zone."

Created in 1959 by Rod Serling, "The Twilight Zone" is a TV anthology series in which each episode, in addition to not being related to the preceding one, features different actors and characters. Apart from taking you on a journey into another dimension, it'll certainly take you to a different time — a time before technicolor and stereo sound.

While this show lacks the carnage and

horror one can find in modern scary TV shows, the atmosphere it creates is in no way lacking when it comes to giving you the chills. There isn't anything flashy about "The Twilight Zone," and because of this, some may find it dull or boring.

But for those who feel nostalgic for a time we never saw, or want to get to the roots of TV science fiction and fantasy, this is a series you need to watch. It's the story, not the visuals, that drives these macabre episodes, which are riddled with plot twists throughout.

Netflix doesn't have the full series available to stream, but does offer seasons one, two, three and five. There are still 138 episodes all under a half an hour long, which is a perfect length to watch an episode or two before bed.

One of my favorite things about "The Twilight Zone" is the wide range of genres and themes the episodes focus on. Tales of aliens from outer-space, conflicts of the mind, the end of days, lost civilizations and people lost in time are just a few of the many strange stories that have come out of this show.

So close your eyes and let fate decide which step you take into "The Twilight Zone."

BRET DECKER | letter to the editor

Same-sex marriage discussion isn't over yet

After reading the article "The law of the land" in Monday's issue of The Breeze, I agree that Kim Davis should be held in contempt of court and that religious liberty is used in the wrong context in this instance. Those applying for licenses from the government should be able to do so without having a particular civil servant's views imposed upon them and Davis should be impartial in her role.

That being said, I must disagree with the writer that since the Supreme Court ruled on this issue, the discussion should be ended.

The court's ruling feels somehow as though the legislative process has been sidestepped. I think the states, their legislatures and their people should be the ones to decide on such matters. I think this applies to however the state stands on the issue. For better or worse,

the people of Virginia had voted to recognize marriage as a union between a man and woman. The Supreme Court's ruling takes away the power of the legislative process.

The 14th amendment most certainly didn't have same-sex marriage in mind during its passage, and I believe to reinterpret it as such is a distortion. I'm not saying to ban same-sex marriage; I'm simply saying any attempt to legalize should come from the people and the legislatures alone.

Again, this is an important conversation to have, but I don't agree that labeling those who disagree with your opinion as bigots is the best way of having that conversation. Doing so takes away from whatever substance they may have.

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A "finally-someone-understands" pat to Ashleigh Balsamo for her article about how tattoos are a form of meaningful expression.

From a student who's been long considering getting a tattoo, but has been in a constant battle with family members over it.

A "shut-the-front-door" dart (literally) to the people who live across from me.

From a senior who thought she found a stray cat, but just rescued yours that escaped from your negligence.

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TV REVIEW

Hot as ever, even 14 years later

'Wet Hot American Summer'
heats up audiences

By MIKE DOLZER
The Breeze

A star-studded summer filled with raunchy jokes and stinging satire is what viewers have in store when they venture into Netflix's latest original gem, "Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp."

A prequel to the hilarious and underrated cult comedy film "Wet Hot American Summer," the celebrity cast plays slightly younger versions of their characters in the film, despite actually aging 14 years in real life since the 2001 film premiered. This alone adds to the sense of absurdity that the show so effortlessly picks up from the movie.

The entire eight-episode series takes place on the very first day of camp, while the movie took place on the last day of camp. To fully dive into the series, watch the movie before you plunge into this eight-episode treasure.

The series was able to reunite all of the key players from

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"Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp"
★★★★★
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the movie, who were relatively unknown at the time but now have enormous careers. These players include household names such as Amy Poehler, Paul Rudd, Eliza-

beth Banks, Molly Shannon and, reprising the character from what was his film debut, Bradley Cooper, who missed his graduation commencement from Georgetown to film the movie. The series also introduces new cast members Kristen Wiig, Michael Cera, Jon Hamm, Chris Pine and Jordan Peele.

Seeing Cooper and Poehler as over-dramatic camp theater directors, who are facing their own relationship drama, is comical. Seeing Banks, who in the movie was just a hot girl named Lindsay, but in the prequel series is revealed to be an undercover journalist writing about what really goes on at summer camps, adds more depth to her character that couldn't have been captured in a 100-minute film.

The stars aside, the show's writing holds its own, thanks to creators/stars Michael Showalter and David Wain. It provides a perfect mix of inappropriate humor and sweet, teenaged nostalgia. For example, it turns experiences like trying to lose your virginity and the rocky roads of teen romance into fodder for sensationalized silliness.

The writing is also brilliant in that it perfectly sets up and explains plot holes in the film. It's unbelievable how many little quirks in the movie were fully developed and explained in this series, especially since the film debuted over a decade ago. It's like they took the insane plot of the film and amped up that craziness by going into immense detail over its more obscure references.

One of the most confusing things I faced in the movie was how Christopher Meloni's character, camp cook Gene, talks to a can of mixed vegetables (voiced by "Archer" and "Bob's Burgers" star H. Jon Benjamin). Without revealing too many spoilers, the vegetables plot continues throughout the rest of the series in a witty and outlandish way to provide context for why there is a talking can of vegetables, in what is otherwise a realistic-ish movie. Even though the movie is a satire and therefore meant to have had plot holes, it's still interesting seeing the storylines of the series tie-in to the movie.

"Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp" perfectly sets the stage for what we already know will happen in the movie. That in itself is a treat, but the real win here is seeing all of these immensely famous people return to one of their earlier roles. Despite the 14 years that have passed and the slightest signs of aging, they picked up right where they left off and it seems like they never really left camp. It's like we are getting to watch old friends reunite to crack ridiculous jokes and do something they love.

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Flirting gets textual



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Textpert, which is free to download for smartphones, allows users to submit screenshots of their conversations to get advice on how to respond.

JMU alumnus creates new app where strangers give each other dating advice

By ROBYN SMITH
The Breeze

Tinder, Bumble, Grindr — the list of mobile dating apps goes on and on. With a whole sea of fish in the palm of someone's hand, it can be hard to reel one in. But what if there was a way to help spruce up the bait?

Some students may turn to friends for advice on how to respond to a flirty text or message. But now, there's an app for that. Textpert, which launched in late July, was designed for struggling singles to get the help they need. All they have to do is send in a screenshot of their conversation, and textperts send their advice.

But who would need such advice?

"It's everybody," Ray Christian, a 2005 JMU alumnus and CEO of Textpert, said. "Generally it's single people ... Once you've been dating somebody, you don't really need text advice as much, but a lot of the time in the beginning it's really hard — you don't know what to say, and that's when you use Textpert."

Christian, who graduated from JMU with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting, was inspired to create the app after a conversation he had on Bumble, a popular dating app similar to Tinder, which became more successful with some outside help.

"I don't know if I was off my game, maybe she was out of my league — either way, this was going nowhere fast," Christian said. "So fast forward about a week, I'm out with my sister Carrie, who's beautiful, smart, savvy with this kind of stuff ... So I said, here, you text this reporter girl."

Despite not responding to Christian's original text about four hours later, the woman responded to his sister's within five minutes.

"A lightbulb went off, and I realized this is something people need in the dating world. And so that's the inception point of Textpert," Christian said.

Anyone can become a Textpert and give advice, but all of their advice is rated on a five-star system. According to Christian, Textpert has about a 70 percent success rate, and many so-called Textperts have four stars

or more. Since launching over the summer, the app has gained close to 1,000 users.

Christian met Kate Edwards, one of the app's co-founders, through her line of work: matchmaking. Edwards began working at a startup matchmaking company in Los Angeles after graduating with a Master of Business degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. She's been with the company, Three Day Rule, for a year and a half. Edwards was drawn to Christian's idea because of its mission — to simplify the texting process.

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CEO and JMU alumnus ('05)

"Textpert is helpful because you're getting a lot of opinions," Edwards said. "You're getting advice from a lot of people and a lot of different types of people. People from different ages, different areas ... It's sort of like getting texting advice from your friends but it's faster, it's easier and it gives you a more diverse perspective."

The question Edwards gets asked most often as a matchmaker is how to respond to text messages.

"It sounds so simple but I think people using our app are confused about the relationship or they're not sure what to say," Edwards said. "They might be great daters, but they're not the best texters."

While the app is geared toward young adults, not everyone is so keen on the idea of being fed lines of how to respond.

Jennifer Rosier, a JMU communications professor who created the class called Communication and Romantic Relationships, wrote her doctoral dissertation on how communication affects relationships.

While Rosier feels that online communication has aided romantic relationships overall, she's uncertain of how Textpert will help those who have serious communication issues when it comes to flirting.

"I think that the initial flirting still has to happen face-to-face," Rosier said. "I don't think that texting really helps for starting a relationship, but once it has been initiated then I think it can be very helpful."

Rosier acknowledges that there is a certain allure to texting. There's less emphasis on someone's physical appearance, but more emphasis on someone's writing skills or even wittiness.

"I think it benefits people who are bad at communicating face-to-face," Rosier said. "The problem is that once they have to meet the person face-to-face ... the person's true self is shown, and I think that that can be really damaging to the success of the relationship."

Even Edwards doesn't see Textpert, or any other dating app, as a long-term solution either.

"I do think it's much harder to find love now with the new dating apps," Edwards, who met her current boyfriend next door to her home in Los Angeles, said. "It adds a layer of complications and the time that it takes ... By the time you meet someone in person, you might've already spent 10 hours [connecting with them online], so I think the apps make it really tough and you don't know what you're getting until you walk up to your date."

Telling someone how to respond may not help with face-to-face communication, but not everyone is looking for a meaningful relationship beyond the messaging.

Freshman intelligence analysis major Aren Kiladjian used Tinder a couple times a week before he met a woman whom he dated for six months before coming to JMU.

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COMEBACK | Bowen aids other students

from front

couldn't do because they don't go back far enough and, because he's lived in different parts of the country, he also has an appreciation for different cultural norms, which also contributes to what he can do with assignments," Bednar said.

Last year, Bowen started voluntarily helping international students with their papers.

"I'm finding it really interesting, I'm learning a lot about their cultures and it's helping me to become a better writer and better at my grammar," Bowen said. "There's a line that — it's kind of a fuzzy line, but I have to be aware of it — when I'm helping out someone who doesn't speak English as a first language, I can't write it for them, because that would be cheating. But I help them to make it sound more standard and maybe more 'American.'"

Alexandria Kostyreva, a sophomore psychology major who is originally from Russia, is one student he helped this past summer and agrees that Bowen encourages the students he works with to learn the information on their own.

"I didn't expect that he [would] give me such professional feedback," Kostyreva said. "Even when I was working on my resume [assignment] ... he went to the librarian and asked for several books on how to write a resume according to the most recent information. Then, he was looking through them and he found several articles and just told me 'Read it, then write by yourself and I will see how it looks.'"

Bednar believes that Bowen is able to work with international students in a way that other traditional students can't.

"I know that [Bowen's] lived in a number of

different places, he's worked with a variety of people and I think that might be one reason why he finds it a little easier to interact with intercultural students than some of the JMU students might," Bednar said. "He's very open and I think they appreciate it because they feel like there's ... this American person that they can talk to, they can ask questions of."

Even though Bowen is a non-traditional student, that has not stopped him from finding his niche among the international students, which has helped him decide his new career path — comprehensive editing — upon graduating this May.

"I'm a good writer, I enjoy writing, I love to read, I love culture, so working with international people that are learning English and helping them with their writing, I find very fulfilling," Bowen said.

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FIELD HOCKEY (2-1)

Clearing the path

Dukes defeat No.17 Iowa, prepare for in-state matchups



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By **MATT TYSON**
contributing writer

Three games into the season, the Dukes can count their first big test as a win. On Sunday, the team overcame No. 17-ranked University of Iowa at home by a score of 4-1 to move to a 2-1 record overall.

"We really stepped it up this game," head coach Christy Morgan said Tuesday. "They played super fast, super fit, and we were able to finish."

The Dukes scored three goals in the first half then answered Iowa's only goal of the game with another in the second.

While the last two wins have allowed JMU to find its rhythm, the season began with a disappointing 6-3 loss at Liberty University. While not ideal, the team used the game as an opportunity to learn from the defeat and better prepare for the next time.

"You use every experience you have as room to grow," Morgan said. "When you care about who you are as a team a defeat affects you but also inspires you."

The performance of freshman forward and midfielder Miranda Rigg highlighted Sunday's game. In her first game as a starter she recorded both an assist in the first half and scored the final goal to seal the win for JMU. For her efforts, Rigg was honored with the title of Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Week.

"I was super excited when I found out," Rigg said. "It's not just my first, but it's a first for the team this season. Hopefully it won't be our last."

Rigg had previously scored two goals against Longwood, bringing her season total to three during the past two games.

"There's no question about it, she's a naturally gifted player," Morgan said. "All our freshmen are great players though. Over the course of this season you'll see more of them come alive just like Miranda did."

Rigg's teammates agree that she is naturally skilled and believe she has adapted very well to the team's chemistry.

"Miranda gives a me a complete calming effect," said sophomore forward Melanie Kusakovich, who assisted on Rigg's goal in the second half. "Despite her age she plays like anyone else on the team who might have more experience. I love having her by my side."

With the Iowa game in the books, the next test for the Dukes will be two games this weekend against in-state rivals University of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University.

"Even though we beat a nationally ranked team we're going to stay humble and keep working hard to get wins this weekend," Rigg said.

The coaches have been working to make sure that the team understands who they're going up against. While VCU and Richmond are not nationally ranked like Iowa, Morgan understands that either of these teams could beat them.

"We're really clear with who those teams are, and they're both great teams with great energy and great desire," Morgan said. "What will play a main factor is how we take advantage of every practice."

The Dukes will play Richmond on Friday at 5 p.m. on the Spider's home turf and return to Harrisonburg to take on VCU Sunday at 1 p.m. at JMU's Field Hockey Complex.

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FOOTBALL (1-0)



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Redshirt senior quarterback Vad Lee sprints through an opening in the defense during last weekend's 56-7 win against Morehead State University.

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After taking care of Morehead State University to the tune of a 56-7 win last Saturday, the Dukes shift their sights to Lehigh University (1-0). Hosting at Bridgeforth Stadium for the second straight week, JMU will look to improve its 5-2 home record under head coach Everett Withers.

1. Weekly honors

From having three players with over 100 rushing yards, a quarterback with three passing touchdowns and a defense that only allowed one scoring drive all night, it's only expected that JMU would rack up some weekly awards.

JMU redshirt senior quarterback Vad Lee threw for 297 yards, three touchdowns and an interception while rushing for 105 yards and another touchdown, earning Colonial Athletic Association Offensive Player of the Week. It was his fourth time being awarded the honor.

Lee attributes his success to the offensive line. "I love those guys on the line," Lee said. "I help them out in practice when they need it and thank them when they have my back in games. I wouldn't be able to be a successful quarterback if it were not for them."

JMU redshirt junior offensive lineman Mitchell Kirsch agreed with his quarterback, stressing that "chemistry is important for any offense to be successful."

Junior safety Raven Greene was named CAA Defensive Player of the Week for the first time, recording eight solo tackles and one forced fumble that resulted in a turnover last Saturday.

Two Lehigh players also received Patriot League weekly awards for their performances.

Freshman running back Dominick Bragalone earned Rookie of the Week honors after garnering 114 total yards, including 68 on the ground. He locked up Lehigh's win after rushing 22 yards

for a first down late in the fourth quarter that allowed the Mountain Hawks to take a knee and run out the clock.

Junior linebacker Colton Caslow was named the Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week, recording a career-high 17 tackles, including nine in the second half.

2. Lehigh looking for revenge

No college team is ever the same from year to year, but if last year's game is any indication, Saturday will be a tough battle.

The Dukes took down Lehigh in the second week of the 2014 season, rallying late to edge the Mountain Hawks 31-28. After trailing by 11 at the half, JMU was able to mount a 98-yard scoring drive at the end of the fourth quarter to give itself the lead, then blocked a field goal to seal the win.

"Having that experience playing Lehigh, we feel a little bit more comfortable because we know what they want to try to do," Withers said.

After finishing 3-8 last season, Lehigh is undoubtedly looking to turn to a different page this year. Only two years removed from finishing 8-3 and second in the Patriot League, the Mountain Hawks are no strangers to winning.

They also happen to be pretty familiar with Lee, who threw for 284 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions in their last matchup. On the contrary, JMU has to face Lehigh junior quarterback Nick Shafnisky, who put up 214 passing yards and two touchdowns while rushing for an additional 121 last year's contest against JMU.

Withers called Shafnisky the key to Lehigh's offense, saying the team was looking to build off its strong history and turn its program around this season.

3. Stingy defenses

Last week, JMU and Lehigh combined to allow only 316 passing yards, holding its opponents to a

lowly 21 total points combined. JMU held Morehead State to a mere 52 team rushing yards while forcing two turnovers. It was one of JMU's best defensive performances during Withers' tenure in Harrisonburg.

"Dominating the run is one of the biggest things we focus on," redshirt junior linebacker Gage Steele said.

Lehigh was especially tough against the pass, holding Central Connecticut State University quarterback Tavion Pauldo to only 116 passing yards and a 57 percent completion percentage. But the Dukes pose a different threat. The JMU offense is known to have more firepower than the Blue Devils, who went 3-9 last season.

As for the Dukes' defense, its toughest matchup may be Bragalone. As a freshman, not much film is available on him to help JMU prepare for what he brings to the table.

However, Steele isn't worried. "We just have to see what their tendencies are, see what kind of runs they like," Steele said.

4. Running game is JMU's key

The Dukes know that establishing the running game is going to be vital in securing a win this weekend. Having allowed only four yards per carry in their first game, Lehigh will be looking to shut down the ground game as early as possible.

Last season, JMU averaged 216 rushing yards per game, propelling its dual-threat offense to its first playoff berth since 2011. After rushing for 366 yards last week, the Dukes may not be able to keep up their current pace, but are certainly looking to build off of it.

And with running backs in junior Khalid Abdullah and redshirt sophomore Cardon Johnson, plus quarterback Lee and sophomore running back Taylor Woods, who's coming off an injury, the Dukes have multiple options on the ground.

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New partner to represent JMU

Learfield Sports now handles multimedia rights

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Last month, JMU Athletics' multimedia rights switched hands from Front Row Marketing to Learfield Sports, which is based in Texas. The immediate effects are minimal — as no contracts between JMU and other organizations changed in status — but the expected goal is to garner lucrative sponsorships.

"Our relationship with Front Row is just about five years old, and we have another five years remaining on the contract," David Biancamano, JMU senior associate athletic director for fundraising and external development, said. "So in essence everything we had with Front Row will remain the same. They have some more resources, some additional connections nationally that will benefit JMU, but a majority of the day-to-day workings with the group remain the same."

Early this July, Learfield announced that it acquired Front Row from Comcast Spectacor. No changes occurred as all staff members of Front Row retained their positions.

Learfield will represent JMU for the next five years, which will include the \$88 million Convocation Center project. With a much larger group marketing JMU, the expectation is to entice more sponsorships and enhance resources, which in turn can lead to an increase in revenue to cover some costs.

According to the press release, JMU Sports Properties, Learfield's local presence, will "oversee every aspect of the Dukes' rights including signage, digital, corporate sponsorships, television, radio play-by-play and coaches' shows," while continuing to work alongside JMU athletics.

"We are very encouraged to have Learfield as a partner," JMU Athletic Director Jeff Bourne said. "Front Row did a very good job representing JMU, and I think Learfield will even provide a broader range of service to us, in that they already represent a large array of universities in addition to JMU."

According to Mike Chatburn, the general manager of JMU Sports Properties, these services can include a range of things from market research to research on the demographics of Harrisonburg and the surrounding areas.

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"It's totally night and day the opportunities and the resources Learfield provides to us which just allows me to work on bringing on more partners and also make sure current partners see the value in the partnership with JMU Athletics, so the resources available through Learfield are just out of this world," Chatburn said.

Aside from JMU, Learfield also acquired the rights to the Colonial Athletic Association and other schools including George Mason University, Radford University and Virginia Commonwealth University. In total, Learfield represents over 100 schools across the United States including a big names such as the University of Alabama, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"They represent the sales or sponsorship of our athletic program," Bourne said. "They make direct contracts to corporate and individual sponsors that represent us on our scoreboard, our game operations, our different facilities, sponsorships and things of that nature. They will also be involved heavily with us in finding corporate sponsors to help fund our new Convocation Center."

The three main men behind JMU Sports Properties are Chatburn, Keith Bradshaw and Colin Dailey. All three are employed and paid by Learfield but

work at and only for their client, JMU.

"If you look at my business card, it says JMU, it doesn't say Learfield Sports or Front Row Marketing," Chatburn said. "My email is JMU, my office is in the JMU Athletics marketing department ... we love being part of JMU because it is a great school, a great community to be associated with."

Their responsibilities will be to work for and market JMU athletics as they had previously under Front Row, but now with Learfield.

After five years, when the contract expires, JMU will most likely go to the Commonwealth of Virginia and ask for permission to seek a new sponsorship company. The process requires a Request for Proposal (RFP) from the Commonwealth and takes around two to three months.

"[The current] contract will remain in place until the end of the original Front Row contract, so if we were to continue beyond that, we would have to go into negotiations," Bourne said.

A common spectator of JMU shouldn't notice any other changes for the remainder the Learfield partnership, except for a few possible tweaks and/or additions in sponsorships. That includes MadiZONE.

"MadiZONE is our internal organization that we use for broadcast, but MadiZONE will still retain and do everything they did before," Bourne said. "The only option would be if there are corporate sponsorships that support or work in conjunction with MadiZONE, they would work in unison."

Most changes would occur behind the scenes. "We want everybody on the outside looking in, when they look at a Learfield employee that's working on our behalf, we want them to be viewed as a JMU person, not an individual necessarily outside of our organization," Bourne said. "We want to make sure we have a very tight working relationship, and that we collaborate and work very closely together as we approach individual corporate accounts."

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He would frequently ask friends for advice when he didn't know where to steer the conversation or how honest to be.

"[Conversations] usually start out a little awkward, I think," Kiladjian said. "You're not really sure what each person's trying to get out of it. I think eventually just trying to get to know the person ... some people may just want sexual things, some people might want a friend, so it's hard to understand it."

Kiladjian has never used Textpert, but he's not opposed to the idea. He said that if someone can turn to friends, they can turn to strangers with the same advice.

A popular feature of Textpert is the app's weekly Instagram. The most recent post, titled "Texting rule #77," gives a scenario of a last-minute cancelled date. Textpert's advice? "Send one of these and leave alone: 1. No probs. 2. Right. 3. K, with a sadface emoji." Its Instagram account has 1323 followers.

"We want to simplify texting," Christian said. "Texting is hard; there can be miscommunication, misunderstanding, we want to help clarify that so you can get some quick advice, and get the next date. Get in front of the person and see if there's that chemistry."

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